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## HARRISON SMITH HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM INSTANT DEATH IN AUTO

While Returning From New Orleans Friday Night—Car  
Leaves Highway 90 and Crashes Over Culvert Top  
Into Water—Escape From Instant Death  
Considered Miraculous.

Mr. Smith died Thursday  
morning, January 16th, at 7:40  
o'clock at Hotel Dieu, New Or-  
leans.

Funeral will take place this  
Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock  
from his late residence, 443 St.  
John street. The Rev. Leo F.  
Fahey will officiate. Interment  
will be at Steep Hollow Com-  
munity cemetery, Pearl River  
county.

He is survived by his wife,  
before her marriage, Miss Effie  
Domingue. Other survivors are  
two step-children, Gloria Mae  
and Myrtle Tyler, and brothers  
and sisters as follows:

Dock Smith, Miss Mamie  
Smith, David Smith, of Pearl  
River county; Mrs. Jane Combs,  
of Gulfport; Miss W. Smith,  
Mrs. Elizabeth Pool, Gulfport.  
He was son of S. T. Smith, of  
Poplarville and the late Sally  
Shaw, of Hancock county.  
Mr. Smith had been a resi-  
dent of Bay St. Louis for the  
past five years.

Harrison Smith, owner and op-  
erator of Smith's Cash Grocery located  
on Main street and the Old Spanish  
Trail, suffered serious injuries in  
an automobile accident on last Fri-  
day evening on Highway 90 when  
his automobile went off the highway  
and down an embankment into a  
culvert filled with water about six  
miles from Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Smith was returning from New  
Orleans where he had gone to pur-  
chase merchandise for his grocery  
and in some manner lost control of  
his car and ran off the highway. The  
automobile was completely demol-  
ished and from the appearance of it,  
which was crushed and buckled up  
in the front and with the front  
wheels taken off, it was considered  
miraculous for anyone to have sur-  
vived the accident. The car in  
which Mr. Smith was riding was a  
late Model Ford coupe.

Mr. Smith was thrown from the  
car and landed in the water and for-  
tunately someone riding behind  
came to his aid at once and rescued  
him from possible drowning. He was  
brought to the local King's Daugh-  
ters Hospital where it was found his  
injuries were so severe that he was  
later taken to a hospital in New Or-  
leans and where it was found he had  
suffered severe injuries to both legs,  
several broken ribs, head injuries  
and internal injuries.

This is the second accident which  
Mr. Smith suffered, some time last  
summer while returning from Kiln  
where he had gone to purchase  
chickens, his truck going off the  
road and turning over several times.

## BENGAL MITTMEN TRAIN HARD FOR FIRST BOUT WITH BOGALUSA

Large Group of Lettermen Strengthen Veteran Squad—  
Bogalusa Lumberjacks Friday Night, January 18—  
At Bay High Gymnasium, 8 P. M.

The Bay High Tiger mittmen, un-  
der the helm of their new coach Jake  
Scott, have been going thru daily  
workouts preparing for their first  
bout of the season against the Bog-  
alusa Lumberjacks, Friday night,  
January 18, at 8 P. M., in the Bay  
High Gym. There are nine veterans  
back from last year, and a large  
number of newcomers who are  
showing great possibilities.

Coach Scott was a member of the  
Mississippi Southern boxing team  
for two years, losing only one bout  
during this entire time. He seems  
to have a knack of getting along with  
the boys and is very capable of fill-  
ing the coaching position vacated by  
Ray Hapes.

Some of the boys returning from  
last year's team are Fred Bert and  
Joe Capdepon, Michael Rogers, Don-  
ald Henry Marquar, Eddie Oliver,  
Bobby Bean, "Skeets" Starita and  
Lloyd Blehl. Two of the better  
known newcomers are Pat and Roy  
Horrigan, two brothers who showed  
their athletic ability on the football  
squad.

Fred Capdepon, a veteran of five  
years, weighing 140 pounds, has an  
extraordinary well in practice, while  
Bobby Bean, showing a natural fight-  
ing ability, is a contender in every  
Admission will be 15c and 50c.

### St. Stanislaus Mittmen Schedule

Mittmen for St. Stanislaus Col-  
lege promise an interesting box-  
ing season with practice going on  
arduously and an interesting  
schedule follows:

January 24 with Kiln at St. Stan-  
islaus College Gym.  
January 31 with Belzoni at St.  
Stanislaus College gym.

February 7 with Moss Point at  
Moss Point.

February 14 with Belzoni at  
Belzoni.

February 21 with Biloxi at Bi-  
loxi.

February 25 with Gulfport at St.  
Stanislaus College gym.

March 7 with Moss Point at Moss  
Point.

There will also be return bouts  
with Gulfport, Biloxi and Kiln  
schools.

### Monday, January 20, To Be Observed Locally As Holiday For Gen. Lee.

January 19, General Robert E.  
Lee's birthday, falling on a Sunday  
this year, the city board of mayor  
and commissioners have issued a  
proclamation declaring Monday, Janu-  
ary 20, a legal holiday instead.

Thus it is planned, with the ap-  
proval of the State Banking Board,  
banks of this city will transact no  
business for this particular day, tak-  
ing Monday instead of Sunday as  
the usual legal holiday.

The official proclamation appears  
elsewhere in this issue of The Echo.

### BINGO BENEFIT PARTY SUNDAY.

On next Sunday afternoon, the  
Woman's Benefit Association will  
entertain at a bingo party at Tra-  
pani's Club and the proceeds will  
be given to the Central High School  
Parent-Teacher Association for the  
use of the W. P. A. Lunch Room.

Everyone is asked to attend and win  
wholesome prizes of foods and cakes  
and help a most worthy cause.

and when he also suffered injuries to  
one of his legs.

Latest reports from his bedside are  
that his condition is about the same  
and every hope is entertained for his  
recovery.

A remarkable feature of the ac-  
cident was that despite the great ex-  
tent and severity of his injuries, Mr.  
Smith retained consciousness thru-  
out this terrible ordeal.

### CENTRAL SCHOOL P-T. A. ACTIVITIES INTEREST LUNCH ROOM

Two Dances Proposed For  
Benefit Food Fund—  
Musical Program  
Enjoyed.

The Parent-Teachers' Association  
of Central High School met at the  
school on Tuesday afternoon for their  
regular monthly meeting.

Mrs. W. S. Speer presided over the  
meeting, and the president's message  
was read by Mrs. F. J. Nelson.

Quite a deal of business was trans-  
acted, and a discussion was held on  
ways and means of financing the W.  
P. A. School Lunch Room sponsored  
by the Parent-Teachers' Association,  
and it was decided to give two  
dances, one on January 25th in the  
gymnasium of the school, and an-  
other, possibly a Valentine Dance on  
February 15th.

An enjoyable musical program was  
given with two violin selections  
played by Mrs. Thomas, accompanied  
on the piano by Mrs. J. B. Gold-  
man.

Miss M. Hossmer, seventh grade  
teacher, and her pupils were in  
charge of refreshments and served  
delicious ice cream and cake and an  
enjoyable social hour was enjoyed  
after the meeting.

## CEDAR GROVE INSTALLS

New Officers. For 1941  
Ceremony Took Place  
Monday at Woodmen  
Hall.

Officers elected recently for Wood-  
men of the World, Cedar Grove  
Camp No. 507, were installed at  
Woodmen Hall Monday evening at  
7:30 o'clock with appropriate cere-  
monies.

The following named were install-  
ed to their respective offices:  
P. C. C.—Daniel R. Fayard.  
Com. Com.—J. B. Bontemps.  
Adv. Lieut.—Thos. F. Monti, Jr.  
Banker—D. J. Ziegler.

Secretary—W. L. Bourgeois.  
Escort—Fred Banderet.  
Watchman—Philip Adams.  
Sentry—P. J. Boudin.

Physician—Dr. C. L. Horton.  
Auditors—Charles Banderet,  
and George Varian and A. Loicacno.  
Hall Keeper—Frank Quintini.

The usual reception followed the  
meeting and the meeting was well  
attended and one of interest. The  
local Woodmen organization is one  
of the oldest and active in the city  
of Bay St. Louis.

### BINGO PARTY FOR HOSPITAL WAS SUCCESSFUL.

On last Sunday afternoon, the Wo-  
man's Benefit Association sponsored  
a benefit bingo party at Trapani's  
Club for the purchase of an incu-  
bator for the local King's Daughters  
Hospital when a large crowd came  
out and played bingo for charity's  
sake.

With several dollar rolls and one  
gold roll and with a number of  
worth while prizes offered, the net  
sum realized was thirty dollars  
which was presented to the treasurer  
of the hospital fund.

## BAY CITY MOVIE TO BE SHOWN

Local Children Film Thriller  
Story To Show Here  
January 23-24.

Just like a thriller filmed in Hol-  
lywood, a little girl is kidnapped in  
the first scene of Bay St. Louis's  
own gang comedy two-reeler which  
will be shown at the A. & C. Thea-  
ter Thursday and Friday, January  
23rd and 24th.

The comedy was filmed in Bay  
St. Louis by Melton Barker of Hol-  
lywood, California, and most of the  
characters are Bay St. Louis chil-  
dren.

The film begins with the little  
girl being kidnapped and carried  
away to a hideout. Her big sister  
reports the kidnapping and the gang  
gets busy at once. A little boy is  
told that he is too small to go on the  
hunt. He organizes a gang of his  
own—but you should see the pic-  
ture yourself and get the details of  
how this gang found the kidnapped  
girl and dealt justly with the kid-  
nappers. You will miss a treat if  
you fail to see these Bay St. Louis  
children in their first all talking  
picture.

Those taking part are: Jack Louis  
Boudin, Bruce Barton, Bourgeois,  
A. J. Chiniche, Gloria Car, Charles  
Carter, Paul Fayard, Jr., Ruth Per-  
nelli, Marilyn Hicks, Joan Hobbs,  
Irma Mae, Kenney, Rita Kimmel,  
Mary Frances Ladner, Patsy Jean  
Kehoe, June McConnell, Jerry Mar-  
tini, J. V. Morreale, Anthony Tra-  
pani, Jr., Emily Claire Murtagh,  
Jimmy Murtagh, Claire Peranich,  
Anna Pitolo, Anthony Pitolo, Roger  
Reinike, Dorothy Register, Richard  
Ranson, Mary Lou, Seafidi, Janet  
Sallier, Sandra Seafidi, Dana Marie  
Sallier, Rita Mae Seafidi, Toby  
Seafidi, Jimmie Touchard.

### Catholic Youth Plan To Augment Treasury Sum With Bingo Party

The Natchez Catholic Youth Or-  
ganization met on last Monday night  
at Knights of Columbus Hall with  
the president, Miss Frances Seafide,  
in the chair.

After routine business of the meet-  
ing, and the singing of the National  
anthem, the boys and girls discussed  
plans for giving a bingo party in  
the near future in order to increase  
their treasury's funds.

Besides using part of their funds  
for the expenses of a monthly social,  
the members have contributed at  
Thanksgiving time and Christmas  
time towards baskets for the poor,  
hence it is necessary that they keep  
their funds in good shape.

### General Meeting Of Local Red Cross To Be Held Friday Week.

There will be a general meeting of  
local Red Cross members at the  
Hancock county courthouse on Fri-  
day morning of next week, Janu-  
ary 24, at 10 o'clock.

Members and all others interest-  
ed are invited to be present. This  
will be a general meeting and busi-  
ness of a general character will be  
discussed. There promises to be an  
interesting meeting and the pub-  
lic members particularly and all  
officers are urgently requested to be  
present.

### GULF COAST RALLY TO HOLD BIG RALLY THURSDAY, JAN. 23

Sunday School Classes to  
Meet at 1st Baptist Church,  
Gulfport—Rev. W. S.  
Allen to Lead Local  
Forces.

Jackson, Miss., January 14—(Spe-  
cial). One of the largest Sunday  
school meetings ever held on the  
Gulf Coast will be the rally at the  
First Baptist Church, Gulfport, Janu-  
ary 23, at 10 a. m. The Gulfport  
Baptist Sunday School Association  
working with the state and south-  
wide Sunday School Boards is pro-  
moting this Movement of Enlarge-  
ment and Bible Study for Evan-  
gelism. This special associational  
meeting is one of the 910 scheduled  
for the South, and the 70 to be  
held in Mississippi. This rally will  
be held rain or shine.

Outstanding Sunday school leaders  
of Mississippi and the South will  
lead in this meeting. Mr. Frank  
Roberts of Shreveport, Rev. W. L.  
Day, of Pascagoula, and Mrs. G. C.  
Hodge, of Biloxi. Rev. W. S. Allen  
is the leader for Hancock county.

The objectives of this meeting are:  
(1) To encourage and assist in com-  
pleting the organization of the as-  
sociation for the promotion of Sunday  
school work. (2) To help the as-  
sociation officers set up some essen-  
tial, practical, attainable goals for  
the year. (3) To present, study,  
and assist the Sunday school leaders  
from each church in setting up some  
reasonable goals for the year. (4).

To offer each and every Sunday  
school officer and teacher, the best  
and most helpful free literature that  
can be prepared covering each phase  
of Sunday School work. (5) To  
recognize and use the associational  
Sunday school officers. (6) To  
emphasize the indispensable place of  
the pastor and to magnify the work  
of the whole church.

### Women's Society Of Christian Service To Meet January 21.

On next Tuesday, January 21st,  
at 3:00 P. M., there will be a meet-  
ing of the Women's Society of Chris-  
tian Service at the home of Mrs. C.  
McDonald, 406 North Beach bou-  
levard, with Mesdames W. A. Mc-  
Donald, Amelia Howze and Miss May  
H. Edwards as co-hostesses.

### MID-TERM SCHOOL TESTS.

Mid-term tests and exams are go-  
ing on in the schools at present and  
students may be seen strolling about  
with their books in deep study, pre-  
paring for these exams.

## CHAS. OWEN CRAWFORD VETERAN RAILWAY HEAD DIES AT BAY CITY HOME

Connected with L. & N. For Many Years—Born in Eng-  
land in 1878—Was Scion of Notable Family—Laid  
To Rest in Cedar Rest Cemetery Saturday.

Charles Owen Crawford, Sr., divi-  
sion engineer of terminals for the  
Louisville & Nashville and Nashville-  
Chattanooga and St. Louis Rail-  
roads, died at his home 111 Citi-  
zen street after an illness of several  
months at midnight on Thursday,  
January 10th.

Mr. Crawford was taken ill in Oc-  
tober at his home in Nashville and  
just a few weeks ago, his condition  
became so serious that the members  
of his family from here were called  
to his bedside. However, he rallied  
and became sufficiently improved to  
be brought to his home here just be-  
fore the holidays and was even able  
to be up and about in the sunshine.  
He was again stricken about ten  
days ago and never recovered.

Funeral services were held on Sat-  
urday morning at ten o'clock from  
the late residence with services of  
the Episcopal Church conducted by  
the Rev. Warwick Aiken, rector of  
Christ Episcopal Church, and inter-  
ment in Cedar Rest cemetery. A  
largely attended funeral and a  
most beautiful floral offerings which  
covered the grave attested to the  
high esteem in which Mr. Crawford  
was held. Active pallbearers were:  
Roy Cagle, Rene de Montfaucon, Geo.  
Hoffman, Charles J. Mitchell, R. A.  
Bryson and Dr. James A. Evans;  
honorary pallbearers: R. S. Goldth-  
waite, J. T. Buffington, J. C. Barron,  
W. O. Benfield, L. E. Burnett, W. G.  
Thompson, W. R. Morris, D. E. Heat-  
ley, Oscar Bragg, Kenneth W. Peppers,  
H. B. Thromb, George A. Ed-  
wards, John K. Edwards, Dr. C. L.  
Horton, Robert L. Mitchell, Robert  
Johnson, Clem B. Penrose, Sr., Bro-  
ther Peter, A. G. Fawcett, George R.  
Rea, Alden M. Keel, Wesley James,  
Norman A. Renshaw, C. C. McDona-  
ld, Harry C. Glover, L. L. Kerke-  
sien, A. A. Seafide, John A. Green,  
Roland Weston, Adbert Hill, Alden  
Mauffray, Edward M. Heath, Jr., Dr.

## BANQUET FOR CENTRAL SCHOOL FOOTBALL SQUAD TUESDAY, P. M.

Boosters Club Members and Guests in Annual Assembly—  
Harold B. Weston, Master of Ceremonies.

The Boosters Club, composed of  
the business and professional men  
of Bay St. Louis to aid and sponsor  
athletics at Central High school,  
were hosts on last Tuesday evening  
at one of the largest gatherings when  
the club gave a banquet and get-to-  
gether honoring the school's foot-  
ball squad and at which prominent  
men and sports writers from along  
the Coast were guests, with Coach  
Harry Mehre of the University of  
Mississippi as honor guest and  
speaker for the evening.

Harold B. Weston, president of  
the Boosters' Club, was master of  
ceremonies and proved himself a  
most able and genial one, and other  
speakers on the program were Dr.  
C. M. Shipp, J. Roland Weston, H.  
C. Perkins, Jeff Hamm, Walter J.  
Gex, Brother Felician, and Coach  
Pete Burge of St. Stanislaus College,  
Coaches George Westerfield and  
Jake Scott of Bay High, and Clint  
in C. Blackwell of the Daily Herald,  
and Dan Russell and Reece O. Bick-  
erstaff of Gulfport.

Walter J. Gex, prominent attorney,  
introduced the speaker of the even-  
ing, Coach Harry Mehre, whose talk  
was immensely enjoyed by every-  
one present. He touched upon a few  
interesting incidents which he learn-  
ed of happening during the training  
of the Boston Eagles in the two  
weeks which they spent in Bay St.  
Louis and gave Bay St. Louis and  
Hancock county high tribute.

Following are the names of those  
attending the banquet:

**Football Players**  
Chas. Campbell, Bert Capdepon,  
Roy Horrigan, Leo Seal, Chas. Mur-  
phy, Jr., Jack Garriga, Lawrence  
Starita, Anthony Trenzicosta, Pat  
Murphy, Fred Capdepon, Sylvester  
Pagano, Pat Horrigan, C. C. Mc-  
Donald, Jr., Donald Everett, Steele  
Ansdley, Orlando Goldman, Willys  
Rhodes, J. W. Parker, Oscar Bragg,  
Kirby Boothe, Cleve Dawsey, Mil-  
ton Phillips, Jr., Harold Krankey.

**Coaches**  
Jake Scott, George Westerfield.  
**Managers**  
Leroy Adams, Roland Lafontaine.  
**Cheerleaders**  
Edward Porter, James Evans, Jr.,  
Miss Georgette Hale, Miss Lucy Wes-  
ton.

**Out of Town Guests**  
Clinton Blackwell, Reese Bicker-  
staff, Mitchell Saloun, Coach Moore,  
Bill Hamm,  
**Guests Representing St. Stanislaus**  
Brother Felician, Athletic Director;  
Pete Burge, Coach.

**Program**  
Master of Ceremonies, Harold Wes-  
ton.  
Introduction of Guests, C. M. Shipp,  
School Board, Roland Weston.  
City Council, H. C. Perkins.  
Ramblin' Round, Clinton Blackwell.  
Presentation of Letter Awards, S. J.  
Ingram.  
Introduction of Speaker, W. J. Gex,  
Jr.  
Speaker, Harry J. Mehre.  
Picture—Ole Miss vs. Duquesne.

### Letters Go Out To Public In Preparation For Annual Carnival Ball.

Letters were sent out this week ad-  
vising that the first meeting for pre-  
parations for plans for Bay St. Louis'  
annual Carnival Ball went out this  
week and persons were asked to  
meet at St. Joseph Academy on  
Thursday evening, January 10th  
when the president of the Parents'  
Club and other members will be  
there to discuss and arrange matters  
relative to the ball.

The Carnival Ball, one of the city's  
largest and most anticipated social  
affairs, always creates a great deal  
of interest and everyone begins to  
wonder who will be king and queen  
this year and what will the theme  
be? So be sure and attend the first  
meeting and help make this year's  
Carnival Ball the biggest and best  
yet.

## PROCLAMATION

Declaring Monday, January 20, Holiday in Memory  
Robert E. Lee.

WHEREAS General Robert E. Lee's birthday falls  
on January 19, and

WHEREAS this year this date will fall on a Sunday,  
and since it is a legal holiday, we, the Board of Mayor and  
City Commissioners of City of Bay St. Louis, herewith  
by proclamation declare MONDAY, JANUARY 20, in-  
stead of Sunday, as a holiday in order the day may be ob-  
served in the yearly customary manner as intended.

All places of business who as per custom close for the  
day are asked to do so this year on the date indicated  
above, Monday, January 20.

In this wise we pay further homage to the memory of  
the South's Great Leader.

Given under my hand and date, January 15, 1941, at  
the City Hall.

G. Y. BLAIZE, Mayor.

W. L. BOURGEOIS,  
H. GRADY PERKINS, Commissioners.

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## CHARLES OWEN CRAWFORD.

**P**ASSING of Charles Owen Crawford, Sr., Thursday night in this city, and buried in Bay St. Louis Saturday, removes an outstanding citizen.

One who was truly imbued with an affection for the city and this was well proven.

After serving the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company in the capacity of roadmaster, local N. O. & M. Division, for many years, residing in Bay St. Louis during that time he was transferred as a promotion to Nashville.

While his immediate family accompanied him to the new place of abode, he never relinquished his Bay St. Louis ties. Keeping the local home intact and hoping some day he would return to spend the remainder of his days.

But fate is only too often cruel. It decreed otherwise. However, it was his ardent wish to return to Bay St. Louis. It was fitting then that he should come back home and spend the ebbing time amid the scenes and environments he loved so well.

It is a great pity one so useful and in the very zenith of maturity, when one enjoys the fruit of life, should be taken away, bowing to the will of the inevitable.

Mr. Crawford was an interesting personality. A man of serious learning, well versed in his profession. One of keen perception and gifted with the proportions that go to make for a better and fuller life. A man of family, he lived in the very bosom of his loved ones. He valued the friendship of his fellowmen. Unassuming, he was well and widely known and enjoyed much popularity.

His passing is sincerely regretted and our community has indeed lost one of sterling quality, whose motives were never questioned. Free from the guile of the world, aloof from the world's vanities, he was one, indeed, whom it was a privilege to know. His superior qualities and accomplishment he never allowed to place him above the level of his fellowmen.

## WANT FEDERAL PROJECTS THAT PRODUCE REVENUE.

**M**AYOR Milner has returned home from Washington to which place he had gone officially in quest that Gulfport would be awarded some sizeable project in the national defense. On his return he said the outlook was quite hopeful and that he felt certain his visit would not be in vain; that Gulfport or vicinity would get one of the manufacturing or other defense projects in due time.

There is nothing like going after things, Mayor Milner and his associates have demonstrated this time and again. The city has gone after much within the past few years and in return amply rewarded for its efforts.

The government will have much to give in the course of its defense program and the Mississippi Gulf Coast come in for an appreciable size of this favor.

We want more projects that will produce revenue instead of public ones that burden the local tax-payers with heavy cost of maintenance. Productive projects will aid the tax-payer carrying the burden that is coming only too soon. Effective to local communities are such projects. Too many localities have gone after federal enterprise because part was free (?) and added additional taxes to raise the necessary money to match such funds, to say nothing of cost of maintenance.

Let us hope this section, and Mississippi generally, in fact, will get more of the defense enterprise, especially so much of this favor is to be had for the asking, followed by stiff resistance.

## BRIGHT NEWSPAPERS MERGE.

**O**PERATING for over a period of seventeen years, New Orleans Morning Tribune has suspended publication and merged with the Evening Item and the matinal visits of this bright and interesting tabloid will be missed. No specific reason is assigned for the suspension, but it is easy to surmise the ever increasing cost of producing newspapers, and the various laws, including the wage and hour law, and the like, not forgetting the ever-present overhead that works day and night, are responsible elements for the merging of two newspapers into one.

Suspension of daily and weekly newspapers are not uncommon these days. With the increased cost of labor and material and the capital it requires to own and especially to operate a newspaper, their number must necessarily decrease.

## ITALY'S AIR FORCE MYSTERY.

**A**NNOUNCEMENT that German planes and pilots are in Italy for the purpose of assisting the Italians in meeting developments in the Mediterranean area causes no surprise but makes one wonder what is the matter with Italian aviation.

Before the war started it was generally assumed that the Italians had a formidable air force. It has done nothing worth mentioning in the struggle unless it has participated more largely in the attack upon Britain than is generally known.

The collapse of the French army was amazing but the failure of the Italian air army is a mystery. What has become of the great armada that Mussolini bragged about when his "brave" men were bombing the helpless soldiers of the Spanish republic and devastating the country of the Ethiopians?

## LOCAL GROWTH AND EXPANSION.

**E**NTIRELY new sections of the Coast are growing in groups. Some time back in these columns attention was called to an entirely new section of Bay St. Louis in course of being created. Reference was made to Uman avenue, possibly better known to outsiders as Highway No. 90. This strip principally runs through a northern section of the city, has built up considerably in a commercial sense and continues so at rapid rate.

And to the extent an entirely new section of taxable value and commercial asset results. This, continuing to build, will contribute a valuable new section to the city and enhancing really value to high mark that heretofore was of little or no value.

Now comes Henderson Point, across Bay St. Louis. This part of the Coast has improved within the past few years to an extent changing appearance of the place. Many new summer homes in Henderson Point are of recent structure, with more to follow.

Commercially Henderson Point is expanding as well. Roemer's first-class court and the brand new Beachcomber structure, handsome and attractive in every modern aspect, as a day and night club resort, would do credit anywhere. Money and intelligent thought are represented here and we have every reason to believe Henderson Point is going to prove a great drawing card to the west coast as a resort.

Bay St. Louis' planned "bathing beach" by the board of Supervisors, will soon be started. The dredge boat, county-owned, is about ready for delivery, only awaiting acceptance by the Board of Supervisors, and work of dredging and filling a matter of time.

In looking to the immediate growth and future of this section the improvements hereinabove noted must not be lost sight of. The Sea Coast Echo, ever with an eye toward improvement and expansion of the Mississippi seacoast, notes this group improvement with marked interest. We hope these will be the forerunner of more and greater things.

## YOU MIGHT BE NEXT VICTIM.

**T**HE old year has elapsed and a new one follows in place, however, the same old routine continues.

Automobile accidents are as many and thousands, hundreds of thousands of lives will be sacrificed unnecessarily this year the same as heretofore.

Regardless of the admonition of press and others, the many safeguards state highway department and police protection throw around the motorists, the careless driver will continue in his ceaseless slaughter, frequently self and too frequently others who are entirely innocent of cause or blame.

This is a most serious matter. Life is held too cheaply. Too much sorrow and tears have flowed into heretofore happy homes. Family ties have been shattered and not only life is ruthlessly destroyed but property of untold value is sacrificed. The latter may be replaced, in a measure. But a life, the most precious of all possessions, cannot be restored or its value computed sufficiently for remuneration. Nothing can take the place of life. It is God-given; its replacement impossible.

All of which should impress all the more the necessity of careful driving, careful, at least, if not intelligent. There are too many young people driving cars, too many irresponsible folks who lack the seriousness and thought to safely take care of a car in motion and in traffic. The lunatic and manic are still at large, at least when we read of so many accidents that take daily toll of lives when otherwise, by a little sense of realization and care, they might have been spared.

The question arises, What are we going to do about it? Dear reader, don't read this negligently or dispense of this subject with no thought. Who knows, you might be the next victim. We admit, this is not a pleasant thought.

## MORE HELP TO HOSPITAL.

**R**EFERENCE has been made in these columns time again in reference to the inestimable value of the local hospital to the people of city and county.

This fact cannot be over emphasized and we cannot impress too much the necessity of better aid for the hospital. It requires plenty of money to operate the hospital particularly since so much charity work is given. Sometimes we are of the opinion too much is expected of the hospital from the public. But this only emphasizes all the more its wide and general need. Its usefulness is of extreme necessity and hardly a day passes without an exemplification of this fact.

As a rule, the public should feel more conscious of the King's Daughters Hospital of Bay St. Louis and whenever able to assist that help should be forthcoming and made as liberal as possible.

The Bay St. Louis hospital has been the means of saving hundreds of lives where quick hospitalization was necessary and in case of emergency. There is no telling how more useful it will be in future.

One of the New Year resolutions ought to be: To do more for the hospital than ever. We are not authorized to say so, but it is no secret the enterprise is in deep debt and in urgent need of funds for daily operation.

It is a case of serving too much for little or no pay. And surely this will not be able to continue.

## BATTLESHIP BUILDING.

**T**HE naval strategists of the world seem to be satisfied that the battleship is the backbone of seapower.

In the navies of the world, as of today, the experts estimate that the existing 55 battleships are divided as follows: United States 15; Great Britain 14; Japan 10; France 1; Italy 6; Germany 6 and Russia 3.

This does not reflect reported Italian losses although it does take into consideration the destruction of French battleships.

The seven nations are now engaged in a mad building race for naval supremacy. Altogether they have 45 additional battleships planned or under actual construction. The United States leads the way, with 17; Great Britain follows with 9; Japan has 8; France 4; Italy 2; Germany 2 and Russia 3.

## Hollywood Echoes.

**A**S the annual custom is a review of the past year's offering to the movie fans is expected. While none of us agree in toto with the selections, they make interesting reading nevertheless.

As a base for movie entertainment drama proved most popular in Hollywood during 1940. It seems. Among the dramas one finds such as "Rebecca," "The Grapes of Wrath," "Our Town," "Susan and God," "All This and Heaven Too," "The Letter," "Kitty Foyle" and "The Primrose Path." While "The Philadelphia Story" is also drama, it was released so late that it could not be considered.

Best liked comedies might include such films as "My Favorite Wife," "I Love You Again," "This Thing Called Love," "Disney's Pinocchio" and "Boon Town." Two outstanding satires on current political systems were "The Great McGinty" and "The Great Dictator."

Probably more biographical films were produced during 1940 than ever before. Outstanding among these one might mention "Abe Lincoln in Illinois," which did not prove such a box-office success but which was beautifully done; "Dr. Ehrlich's Magic Bullet," "Young Tom Edison," and "Edison The Man."

Musical films fared badly in Hollywood last year, only three good ones being produced. These were two starring Deanna Durbin, "It's A Date," and "Spring Parade" and that based on the Broadway musical comedy of a few years back, "Irene."

So often is the question asked about this actor or that actress "Is he (or she) married?" that it might be a good idea to list the ones who are eligible candidates for Cupid's darts during 1941.

Among the actors who have never married, or who are now divorced from their previous marriages, are Jimmy Stewart, Cary Grant, John Carroll, John Shelton, Lew Ayres, Cesar Romero, Edward Ashley, Robert Sterling, Tony Martin, William Holden, Jackie Coogan, Owen Davis, Jr., Robert Stack, Lee Bowman, John Howard, Jeffrey Lynn.

The unmarried actresses, at the present time, include Lana Turner, Hedy Lamarr, Linda Darnell, Bren-Joyce, Brenda Marshall, Olivia de Havilland, Mary Howard, Ann Rutherford, Eleanor Powell, Rosalind Russell, Virginia Grey, Laraine Day, Ruth Hussey, Virginia O'Brien, June Freasier, Dana Delany, Mary Beth Hughes, Betty Grable, Ginger Rogers, Alice Faye and Bonita Granville.

Since the advent of the New Year Betty Davis has left the list of "unmarried actresses" and was married to a New England business man.

## Historical Facts.

The first Catholic priest regularly assigned to a white settlement in Mississippi was Father Bordenave, a ship chaplain, appointed chaplain at Old Biloxi in 1699.

The first Mass was celebrated in the lower Mississippi Valley at a point near present-day Fort Adams in southwest Mississippi by Father Zenobius Membre, a Frenchman, on Easter Sunday, 1632.

The first church in Mississippi was erected by the Jesuit, Father Paul du Ru, in 1700, in the Houma Village, in the southwest corner of the state. The first Sisters came to Mississippi in 1721, three Sisters of Charity, known as Grey Nuns Sisters Gertrude, St. Louis and Marie; they accompanied a group of girls sent as wives for colonists; they landed at New Biloxi.

The first Sisters to establish themselves in Mississippi were the Sisters of Charity who opened an orphanage at Natchez in 1845—S. S. C. Rockchaw.

## English Undeified.

The following application was taken from a Chinese newspaper:

"Sir, I am Wang. I can drive a typewriter, write good notes and my English is great. My last job has left itself from me, for the good reason that the large man has died. It was on account of fault of mine. So, honorable sirs, what about it? If I can be of big use to you, I will arrive on same date that you should guess."

A Canadian weekly editor is said to have received recently a letter from a subscriber enclosing a cheque for renewal of subscription, and then a statement that he did not charge enough for his paper. Hospital authorities report the editor will be as good as new in a few days.

## RENEW DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PAY FINE

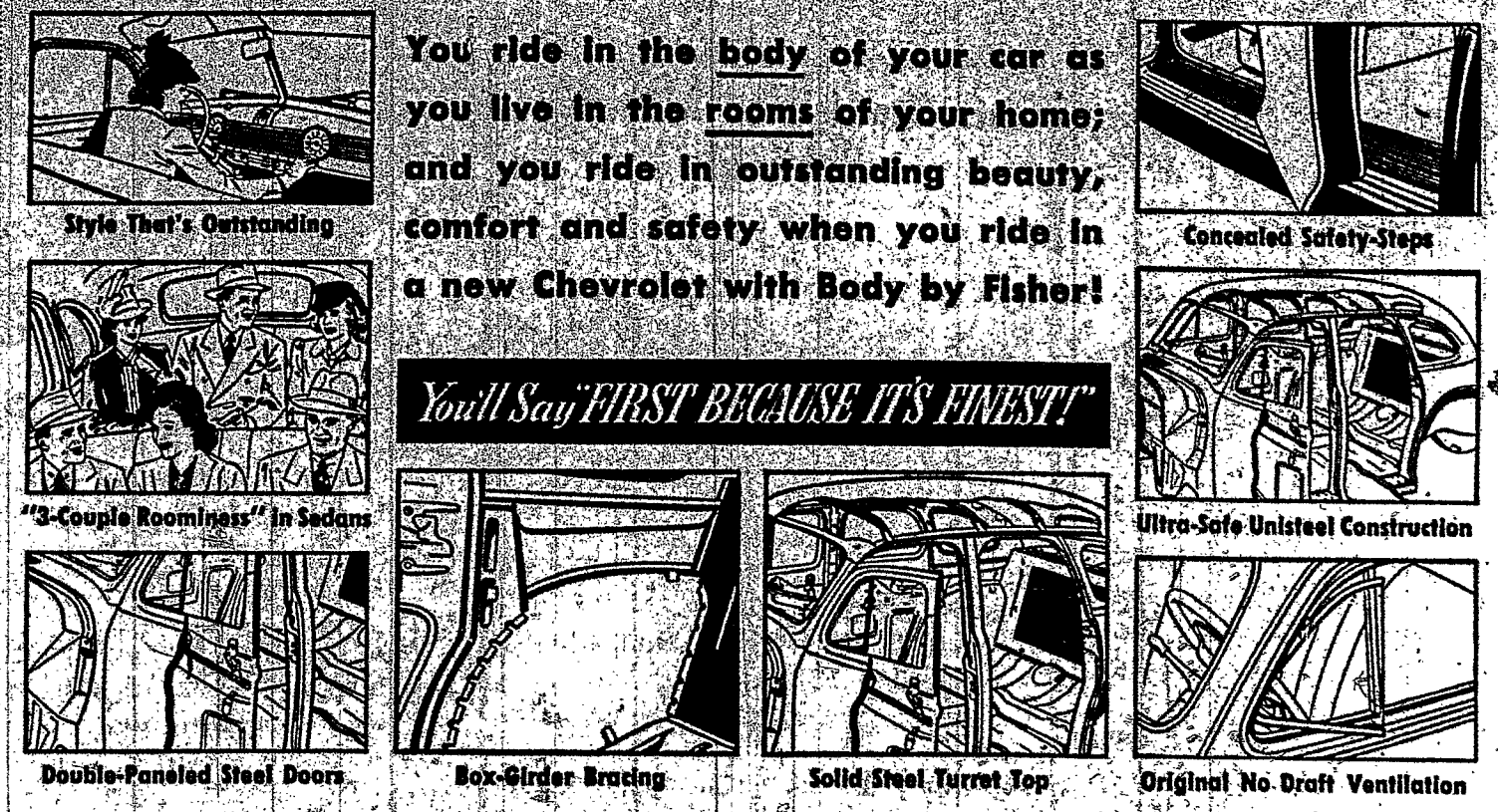
Miss Lena Brock, director of the Drivers' License Bureau of the State Highway Patrol, issued warnings to approximately 30,000 Mississippi drivers that they face fines because their drivers' licenses have expired. "Approximately 200,000 drivers' licenses expired December 31, 1940, and to date slightly more than half of them have applied for renewals," Miss Brock said.

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## BOSTON POST SCRIBE WRITES ECHOES OF SUGAR BOWL TIME.

**Visit to Bay St. Louis Supplies Feature Sport Writers With Lot o' Material.**

Since their return to Boston, after the visit to Bay St. Louis and the Sugar Bowl Game, sports feature writers have written much of the recent event, especially of the ten-day stay of the team and accompanying visitors in Bay St. Louis. There has been no end of publicity for Bay St. Louis, and we might say, thanks to Brother Peter for this since he was instrumental in getting the Bostonians to visit and train here.

Bill Cunningham of the Boston Post, writes as follows in a recent issue of that newspaper of Bay St. Louis. He says "one of the brightest memories of the entire Sugar Bowl saga was Brother Peter's omelette."

"One of the brightest memories of the entire Sugar Bowl saga was Brother Peter himself, as to the matter of that, but I can't give you Brother Peter, whereas I can give you his omelette. Brother Peter is about 175 pounds of dignity and dynamite heading up that St. Stanislaus school, where the Boston College Eagles fitted for 10 days against their climatic hour in New Orleans."

"Brother Peter, originally from Minneapolis, has been with the Bay St. Louis school, which has given the sports world such figures as Marchmont Schwartz and Zeke Bonura, for 29 years; I think he said, 'He went there, a young two-fisted teacher, according to the fellow who sat next to me at Brother Peter's table.'"

"We were tough," said this man, now a power in the community, the father of nine children and Brother Peter's right power. "We were tough. We prided ourselves on breaking up classes. We'd had a lot of teachers. None lasted very long. We made their lives too miserable. One day he showed up. I was ring leader of the tough kids. What're you going to do around here? I asked him. I'm the new teacher, he told me. Yeah, I remembered saying back to him, you won't last a month."

"But I was wrong," the big, powerfully built man said with what couldn't be otherwise construed but as a fond glance toward where the stalwart figure of Brother Peter sat at the head of the table. "He taught the same class for exactly 19 years before he became head of the school."

"He didn't tell the rest. Brother Peter was president of the Rotary Club. He's the main dynamo and driving wheel of the entire community. When he read where Boston College had been nominated for the Sugar Bowl, he conceived the idea of having them train in Bay St. Louis. It would be a fine thing for the town, he said."

"All right said these men, his former tough boys, now grown up to be successful and civic-minded citizens. Brother Peter thought so, it must be correct, so they unstrap their bankrolls and put him right

## ROCK-A-CHAW WILL SPONSOR ANNUAL POPULARITY VOTE

The Rock-A-Chaw of S. S. C. will sponsor Annual Popularity contest immediately after mid-term examinations next week. This will be a means to distract the minds of the students from the drudgery of the previous days, a "break" which, it is believed, will be very necessary after the nerve grueling grift of the days immediately preceding the voting.

Some of the titles which will be read in the columns of the next issue of this publication are: Most popular student, noisest, best dressed, best 'Woo Pitcher, and many others.

Begin today and watch your companions in order that your vote may be cast for the most deserving in each of the items on the ballot. No registration is necessary. Only a little common sense and a spirit of fun will prevail.

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